GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:2160
ANSWERED ON:06.05.2016
Payment of Prasar Bharti Employees
Singh Shri Ravneet

Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) Whether the Government has taken note that the stringers/cameramen and the reporters working for Doordarshan and All India Radio under the Prasar Bharati are being paid meagre wages;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government proposes to raise their wages; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and action taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING [COL RAJYAVARDHAN RATHORE (Retd.)]

a) & (b) Prasar Bharati has informed that Stringers (good camera persons with good news sense) and Part-time Correspondents are not the employees of Doordarshan and All India Radio. News & Current Affairs Division of Doordarshan utilize services of Stringers for local coverage on lump sum payment of Rs.1200/- for assigned coverages. Further, in case of local coverage exceeding 6 hrs or involving location apart for more than 10 kms, is treated as two coverages and 2nd coverage is payable at the rate of Rs.900/- . Stringers for assigned outstation coverage are paid lump sum payment of Rs.1500/-. The Stringers are paid as per the existing guidelines of the Directorate General, Doordarshan. Part-Time Correspondents (PTCs) are engaged on retainer-ship basis by News Service Division of All India Radio. A monthly remuneration of Rs.3000/-; Rs.750/- per month as communication charges and Rs.500/- per month as conveyance charges is payable to them as per the existing guidelines of News Service Division of All India Radio.

(c) & (d) Presently, a Committee under the Chairmanship of Director General (News & Current Affairs), Doordarshan has been constituted whose Terms of Reference, inter alia, includes need for retaining Stringers/Part-time Correspondents, review payment system and suggest improvement to their working conditions.
******